

EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS



THE PERFECT SETUP

Weston-McEwen's Bryce Thul has been named as the All-East Oregonian Volleyball Player of the Year.

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here's no denying that Weston-McEwen has put a quality volleyball team on the court every season for the past 14 years.

They have a collection of state trophies, a number of players who have gone on to play at the college level, and the TigerScots don't look to stop their ride anytime soon.

For the fourth time since 2010, the *East Oregonian* has chosen a W-M athlete as the All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year. This season, it's senior Bryce Thul.

"She filled up the stat line very well for us every match," TigerScots coach Shawn White said. "She was a huge part of what we did this year (sixth at the 2A state tournament)."

Thul, a 5-foot-6 setter and right-side hitter, finished the season with 211 kills, 45 blocks, 490 assists and 202 digs. She also had 102 service aces.

"My goal was to get 500 assists," Thul said. "I have been a setter since third grade. My dad (Greg) played beach volleyball and he worked with me. That has kind of been our thing."

White started Thul as setter when she was a sophomore. Her hitting has come along since then.

"Last year she hit more, and this year she did a little bit of everything," White said. "She has outstanding ball control as a hitter, and she had a ton of confidence. She excelled at everything, and added leadership on the court."

The 102 aces were impressive.

"We had a very tough serving team," Thul said. "That helped us out in a lot of tough situations this year."

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WEAVER**
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COLLINS**
Irrigon



**SYDNEY
WILSON**
Heppner



**KIRAH
McGLOTHAN**
Pendleton



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